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### **Portland Teenager Dies in Collision**

A 13 year old Portland, Oregon girl lost her life in a one-car collision early this morning. The collision occurred at about 4:52 AM on North Track Road, 2 miles south of Wapato. A 16 year old Wapato boy was driving the 1999 Chevrolet Malibu southbound on North Track Road when it left the roadway. The Malibu then slid broadside into a power pole crushing the passenger side of the car. The 13 year old girl sitting in the front seat died at the scene. The 16 year old driver and two other passengers from the rear seats, ages 15 and 16 also from Wapato, were transported to Memorial Hospital in Yakima. It's believed that no one in the car was wearing seatbelts. Excessive speed is being investigated as a possible factor in the collision.

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